

# **NOAA Fisheries**

**National Marine Fisheries Service  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce**





# HISTORY



**NMFS or “NOAA Fisheries” is the oldest conservation agency in the Nation ....**

- **1871 - Commission of Fish and Fisheries**
- **1903 - Bureau of Fisheries (DOC & Labor)**
- **1939 - Transferred to Dept. of Interior**
- **1956 - Bureau of Commercial Fisheries**
- **1970 - Executive Order 11564 creates NOAA and National Marine Fisheries Service**
- **2001 - Celebrated 130th Anniversary**





# MISSION



**Stewardship of living marine resources  
for the benefit of the Nation through  
their science-based conservation and  
management and promotion of the health  
of their environment.**



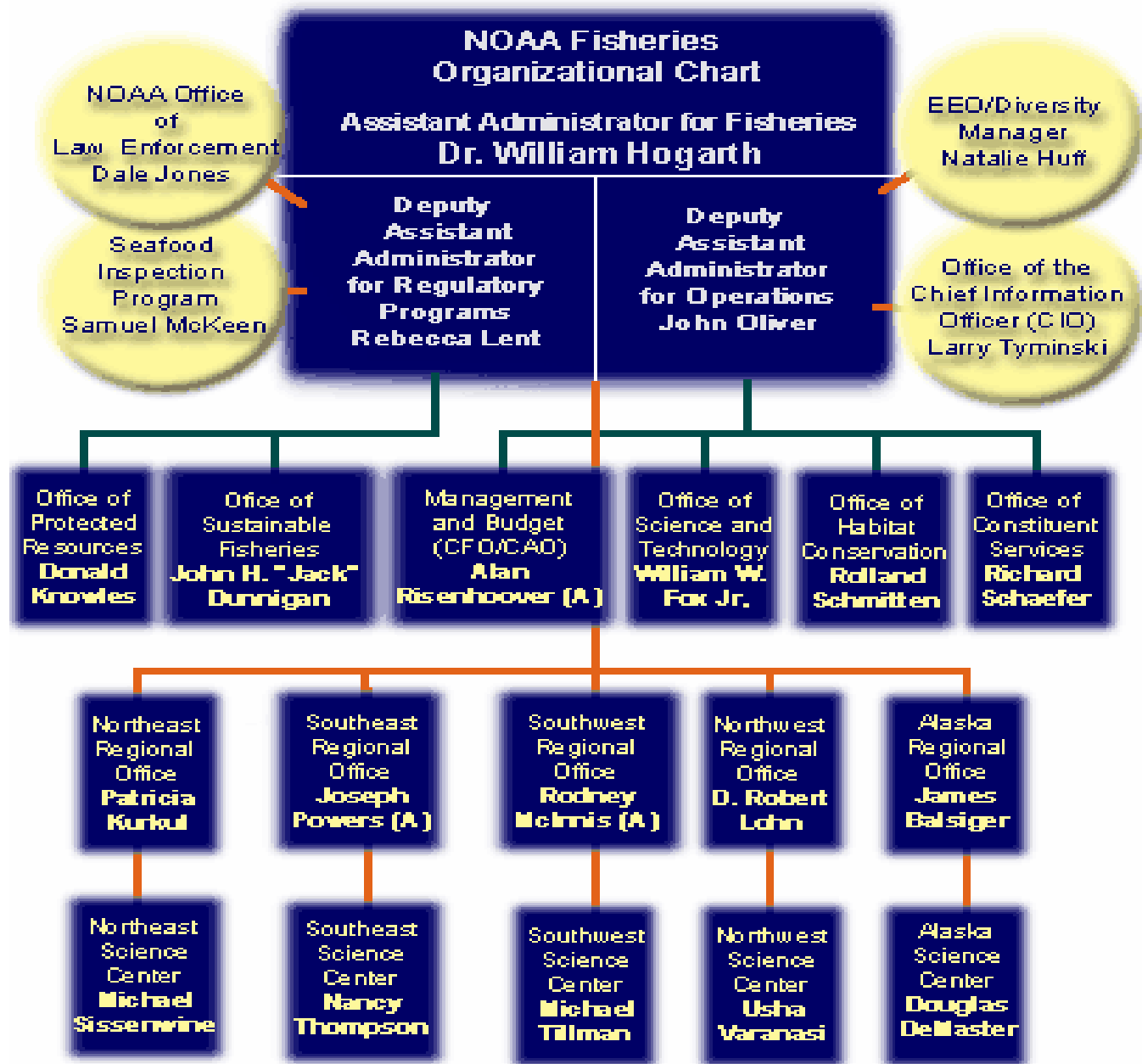


# CONSTITUENTS



- **Commercial and Recreational Fishermen and Associated Industries**
- **Subsistence Fishermen**
- **Environmental Groups**
- **General Public**
- **Regional Councils**
- **Interstate Fisheries Commissions**
- **Coastal and Inland States**
- **International Fisheries and Natural Resource Management Agencies**
- **Federal Agencies**
- **Colleges and Universities**







## Alaska Region

Regional Office: Juneau, AK  
Science Center: Seattle, WA (Sand Point)

### Laboratories

Seattle, WA  
Auke Bay, AK  
Kodiak, AK

## Northeast Region

Regional Office: Gloucester, MA  
Science Center: Woods Hole, MA

### Laboratories

Woods Hole, MA  
Narragansett, RI  
Milford, CT  
Highlands, NJ  
Washington, DC

## Northwest Region

Regional Office: Seattle, WA (Sand Point)  
Science Center: Seattle, WA (Montlake)

### Laboratories

Seattle, WA  
Newport, OR  
Kodiak, AK

## Southwest Region

Regional Office: Long Beach, CA  
Science Center: La Jolla, CA

### Laboratories

La Jolla, CA  
Santa Cruz, CA  
Pacific Grove, CA  
Honolulu, HI

## Southeast Region

Regional Office: St. Petersburg, FL  
Science Center: Miami, FL

### Laboratories

Miami, FL  
Beaufort, NC  
Panama City, FL  
Pascagoula, MS  
Galveston, TX

**NMFS**  
**Field Structure**

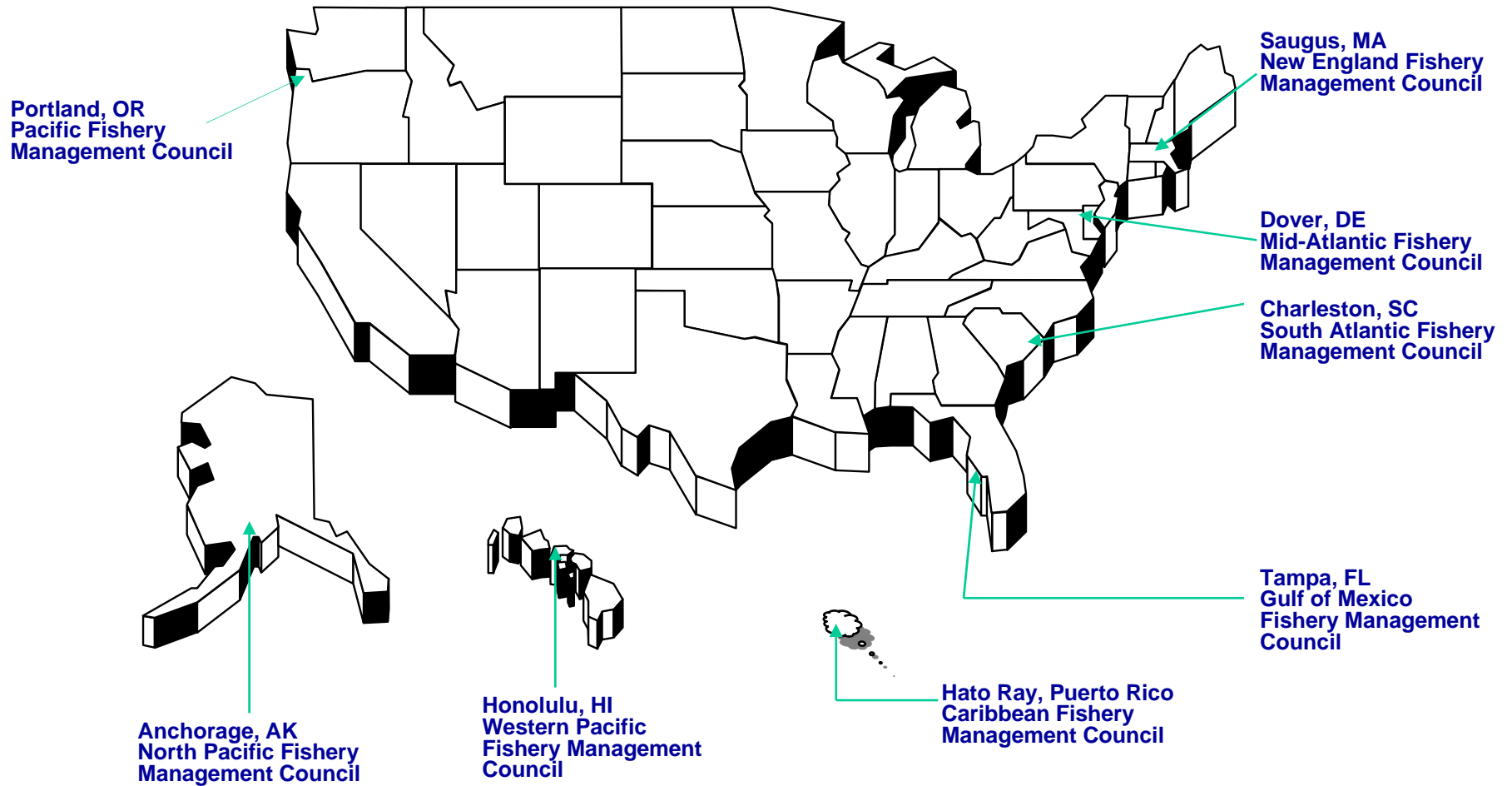
## NMFS Headquarters

Silver Spring, MD





# REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCILS





- **COUNCIL PROCESS**

- **Councils prepare Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) and FMP Amendments**
- **NMFS/Secretary of Commerce approves/disapproves FMPs/Amend's**
- **NMFS prepares implementing regulations**







# **STRATEGIC PLAN AND PROGRAMS**





# STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS



- **Build Sustainable Fisheries**
- **Recover Protected Species**
- **Sustain Healthy Coasts**





# STEWARDSHIP AUTHORITIES



- **Magnuson-Stevens Act (Sustainable Fisheries Act)**
- **Marine Mammal Protection Act**
- **Endangered Species Act**
- **Anadromous Fish Conservation Act**
- **Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act**
- **NOAA Fisheries Program Authorization Act**
- **Clean Water Act**
- **National Aquaculture Act**

**.... and over 100 other Laws**





# **BUILD SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES**



## **Rebuild and Sustain U.S. Fisheries**

- **Objectives:**
  - **Eliminate and Prevent Overfishing and Overcapitalization**
  - **Attain Economic Sustainability in Fishing Communities**
  - **Develop Environmentally & Economically Sound Marine Aquaculture**
  - **Infrastructure**





## **BUILD SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES**



### **The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act:**

- **Provides conservation and management of all fishery resources within U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)**
- **Established 8 Regional Fishery Management Councils charged with preparing Fishery Management Plans (FMPs)**
  - **over 40 FMPs currently in place**
- **Requires stock assessments / fisheries research**
  - **basis for management decisions**





# **BUILD SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES**



**The Sustainable Fisheries Act (1996) amended the Magnuson-Stevens Act and authorizes NMFS to:**

- **End Overfishing**
- **Rebuild Overfished Stocks**
- **Reduce Bycatch of Unwanted Species**
- **Identify and Protect Essential Fish Habitat**
- **Provide Fisheries Assistance**
- **Establish User Fees**





# **REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCILS**



- **NMFS Regional Directors are permanent members**
- **Additional members (state specific and “at-large”) recommended by State governors**
- **1/3 of members appointed by Secretary of Commerce annually (June)**
- **Councils develop Fishery Management Plans**
- **Secretary of Commerce approves Plans**
- **NOAA/NMFS implements and enforces Plans through regulations**





# **INTERSTATE MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSIONS**



- **Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission**
  - **Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act**
  - **Atlantic Coast Striped Bass Conservation Act**
- **Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission**
- **Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission**







# RECOVER PROTECTED SPECIES



## Recover and Protect Marine Species

- **Objectives:**
  - **Maintain Healthy Species and Ecosystems**
  - **Implement Conservation Plans**
  - **Infrastructure**





# **RECOVER PROTECTED SPECIES**



## **Marine Mammal Protection Act**

- **Assess status and impacts**
- **Reduce incidental mortalities associated with fisheries**
- **Cooperative programs with states**





# RECOVER PROTECTED SPECIES



## Endangered Species Act

- **Improve status of endangered and threatened species**
- **Develop cooperative programs with states (ESA section 6)**
- **Minimize conflicts with human activities**
- **Improve scientific data base**





# **SUSTAIN HEALTHY COASTS**



## **Manage Coastal Development to Ensure Biodiversity and Ecological Productivity**

- **Objectives**
  - **Protect, Conserve and Restore Habitats**
  - **Promote Clean Coastal Waters**
  - **Foster Well-Planned and Revitalized Coastal Communities**
  - **Infrastructure**





# **SUSTAIN HEALTHY COASTS**



## **Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act**

- **Provide recommendations to other Federal Agencies concerning:**
  - **Water development projects**
  - **Permits**
  - **Reauthorizations**





# **SUSTAIN HEALTHY COASTS**



## **Habitat Restoration**

- **Fish Passage Projects**
- **Salmon Stream Restoration Projects**
- **Wetlands Restoration**
- **Oyster Reef Restoration Projects**
- **Community-based Restoration Program**
- **National Strategy for Coastal Habitat Restoration**





# **SAMPLE REGIONAL ISSUES**





# NORTHEAST ISSUES



- **Gulf of Maine Cod**
- **Spiny Dogfish**
- **Sea Scallops**
- **New England Groundfish**
- **Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass**
- **Atlantic Herring/Atlantic Mackerel**
- **Lobster**
- **Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Team**
- **Atlantic Salmon Recovery**
- **Right Whale Recovery**
- **Disaster Assistance Program**
- **Cooperative Research Initiatives**







# **SOUTHEAST ISSUES**



- **Red Snapper**
- **Bycatch Reduction in Shrimp Fishery**
- **Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Team**
- **Turtle Excluder Devices**
- **Highly Migratory Species**
- **Sargassum**
- **Tortugas Ecological Reserves**
- **Louisiana Wetlands Restoration**





# NORTHWEST ISSUES



- **Pacific Salmon Recovery**
- **Columbia/Snake River Basin Hydropower System Biological Opinion**
- **Columbia River Tribal Harvest**
- **West Coast Groundfish**
- **ESA Section 4(d) Regulations**
- **Pinniped Population Increases**
- **Makah Whaling**
- **Habitat Conservation Plans**





# **SOUTHWEST ISSUES**



- **Pacific Salmon Recovery**
- **Pacific Coast Groundfish**
- **Highly Migratory Species**
- **Hawaii-based Pelagic Longline Fishery**
- **Northwest Hawaiian Islands Crustacean and Bottomfish Fisheries**
- **Tuna-Dolphin Interactions**
- **Monk Seal Recovery**





# ALASKA ISSUES



- **Alaska Groundfish**
- **Steller Sea Lions**
- **Cook Inlet Beluga Whales**
- **Pacific Halibut**
- **Crab Fisheries**
- **Fishery Disasters and Buyouts**

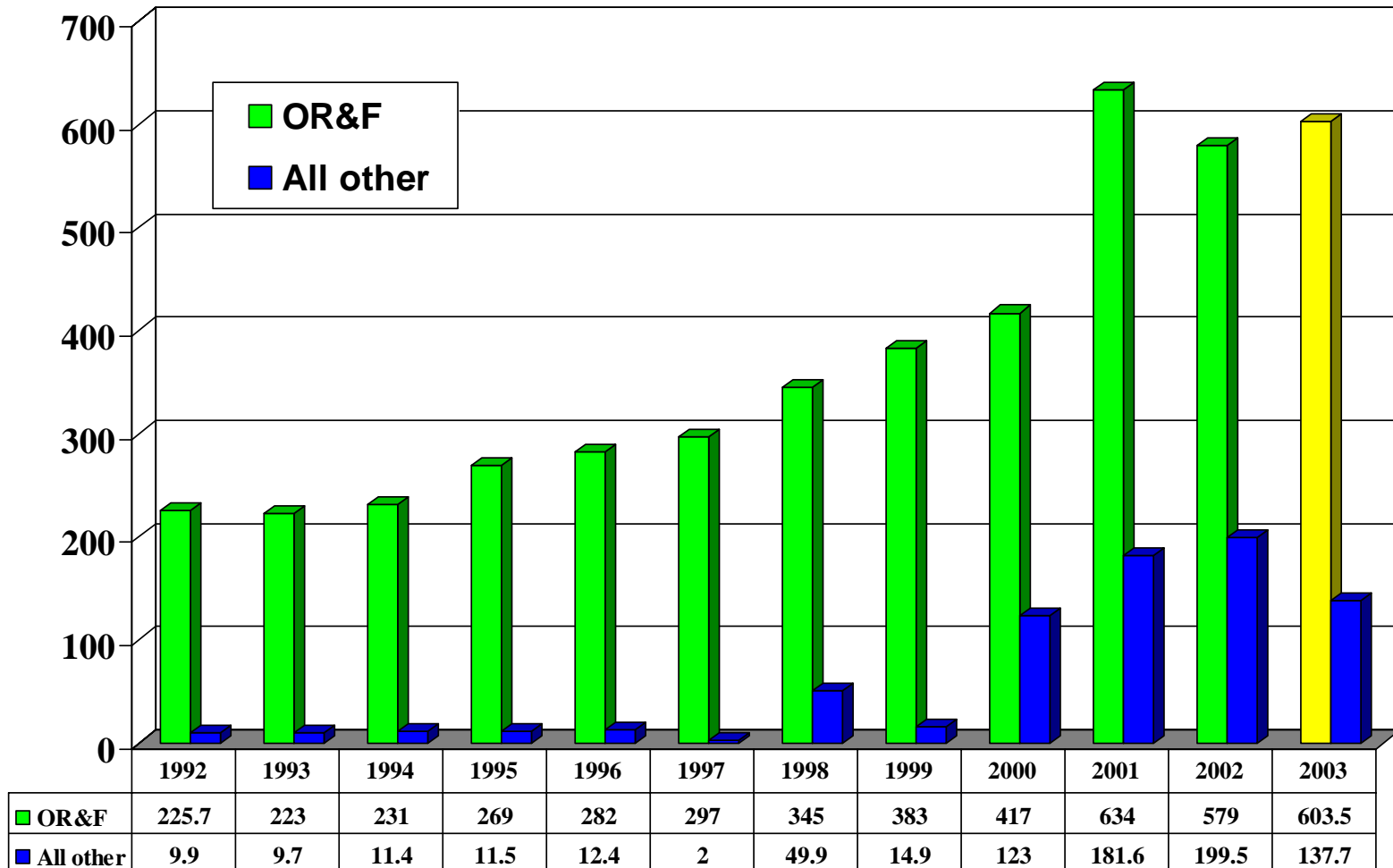




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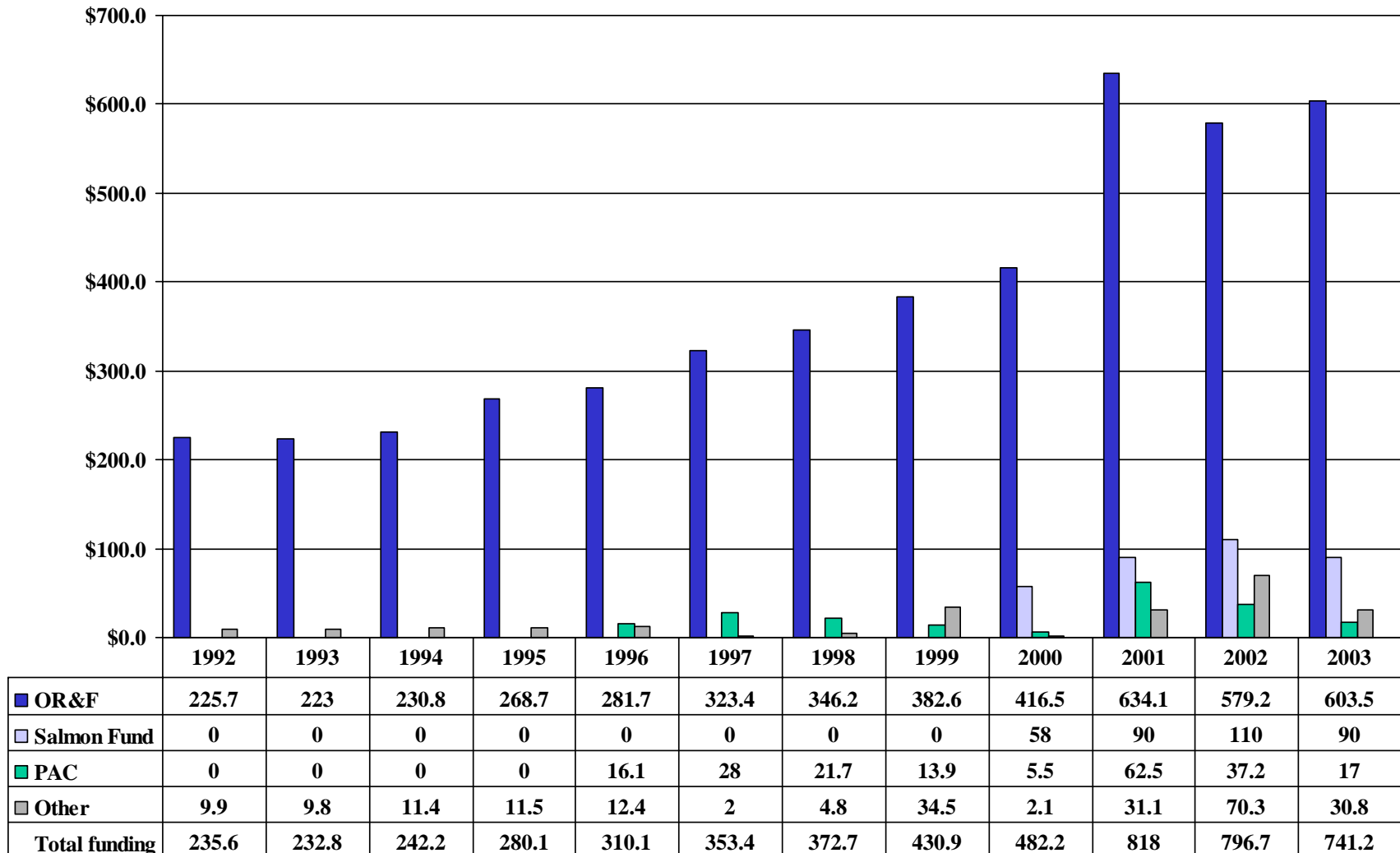




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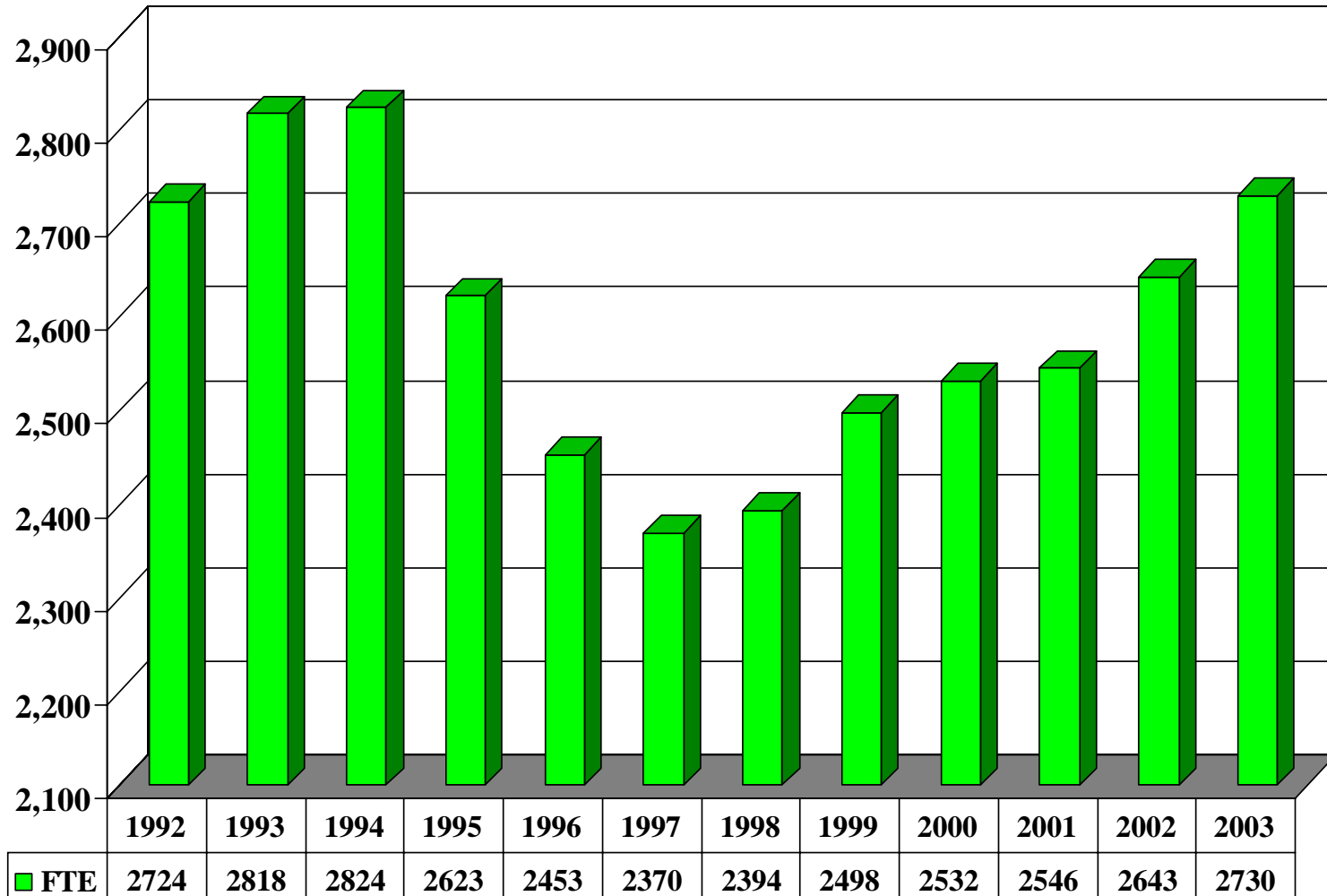
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# FTE SUMMARY

## FY 1992 to FY 2003 President's Budget Request



	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
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